



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held October 18, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

New Directions Task Force's recommendation to accept and endorse the Strategic Housing Plan for Special Needs Populations in the County (Plan), which provides a proactive strategy to guide County efforts to provide housing, operational subsidies, and supportive services for the County's special needs populations; and approve the following related actions:

Approve eight recommendations by the Special Needs Housing Alliance as critical to serve as the initial focus for efforts to implement the Plan and, with the exception of the Housing Trust, direct the Alliance to provide the Board with an implementation plan, including action steps and timelines, within 90 days;

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a proposal to establish a Housing Trust Fund that provides dedicated, ongoing revenue sources to fund operating and supportive service costs associated with housing for special needs populations, and report back to the Board as part of the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Proposed Budget;

Recognize the New Directions Task Force's (NDTF) Alliance as the Board's advisory body for the multi-departmental review of housing policy and program issues, including review and development of recommendations on proposals for the use of the Housing Trust Fund; and

Direct the NDTF to expand Alliance membership to include appropriate representation from the City of Los Angeles and the County's other 87 cities as may be appropriate.

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“I am very appreciative of the exhaustive planning efforts that the New Directions Task Force has conducted to bring the Special Needs Housing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Housing Plan is very comprehensive in its scope, and it only further emphasizes the challenges of serving these targeted populations in need.

“I am also supportive of the efforts of this Board to address the problem of housing and homelessness in this County. However, as I stated back in June, I believe that this Board needs to be cognizant of the level of commitment we are making. We need to take a careful, measured approach to anything that will result in the County assuming ongoing primary responsibility for solving a complex issue that will require a significant new commitment of County resources over the long haul.

“The recommendations of the New Directions Task Force are commendable, and I support their endorsement by this Board, with the exception of Recommendation No. 3. I think that to have the Chief Administrative Officer report back to the Board as to a Housing Trust Fund as part of the 2006-07 Proposed Budget would prevent this Board from carrying out its key responsibility to ensure that any new funding identified for this effort is well founded and fiscally reasonable. Any recommendations involving the establishment of a Housing Trust Fund should be kept apart from the Proposed Budget, so a discussion can take place as to how this new funding need correlates with all of our other pressing funding priorities.

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board approved the New Directions Task Force’s attached recommendations with the exception that Recommendation No. 3, directing the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board as to the establishment of Housing Trust Fund, occur separately and apart from the 2006-2007 Proposed Budget.

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Attachment

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Co-Chair, New Directions Task Force